On May 22, 2017 the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee convened its inaugural meeting in Salt Lake City. Led by Representative Snow, the purpose of the meeting was to review the requirements of HB 239 and provide an overview of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Smart on Juvenile Justice Initiative and the types of technical assistance offered by the Crime and Justice Institute (CJI), discuss the Committee’s roles and responsibilities, and review the 2017 meeting schedule.

HB 239 Requirements and CJI’s Technical Assistance
Opening Remarks and Introduction
Representative Snow called the meeting to order and welcomed members, asking each member to introduce themselves.

The members of the Committee include:
- Representative Lowry Snow, 74th District
- Krista Airam, Assistant Juvenile Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Susan Burke, Director, DHS Division of Juvenile Justice Services
- Patricia Cassell, Chief Prosecutor, Summit County Attorney’s Office
- Doug Diamond, Chief, West Jordan Police Department
- Ron Gordon, Executive Director, CCJJ
- Carolyn Hansen, Associate Director, Salt Lake County Youth Services
- Sam Jarman, Superintendent, Alpine School District
- Catherine Johnson, Child and Family Services Division Director, Wasatch Mental Health
- Spencer Larsen, Youth Representative
- Tonya Myrup, Acting Director, Division of Child and Family Services
- Lincoln Nehring, Director, Voices for Utah
- Heidi Nestel, Utah Crime Victims Legal Clinic
- Mary Noonan, Fourth District Juvenile Judge
- Patty Norman, Assistant Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education
- Kayley Richards, Program Director, Salt Lake
- Dawn Marie Rubio, Juvenile Court Administrator, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Human Services
- Shirlee Silversmith, Director, Utah Indian Affairs Office
- Doug Thomas, Director, Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- Pam Vickrey, Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys
- Debbie Whitlock, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Services

Committee staff include:1
- Sarah Galgano, Crime and Justice Institute
- Cuong Nguyen, Juvenile Justice Specialist, CCJJ
- Ben Peterson, Research Director, CCJJ
- Tessa Upin, Crime and Justice Institute

Review of HB 239 and CJI’s Technical Assistance
CJI reviewed HB 239 requirements and effective dates. CJI also provided an overview of effective implementation and the types of technical assistance that CJI has provided to the six other states they have worked with on implementing juvenile justice reforms. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to Committee members.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities
The Committee determined that they do not need a mission statement because their roles and responsibilities are defined in HB 239.2

1 Pam Lachman and Margot Isman, both from CJI, were also in attendance.
2 https://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0239.html
The Committee discussed creating working groups to advance the implementation of the legislation. A number of Committee members noted that agencies and other committees had begun work in order to meet the effective dates. The Committee determined that it would be useful to have representatives update the group on the progress they have made so that the Committee can offer recommendations and have a better understanding of the work that has been done and what working groups would be most beneficial for the Committee to develop.

The Committee also discussed the need to develop materials to share with key stakeholders in the state that explain the changes in HB 239 and address frequently asked questions. CCJJ will work with CJJ to develop a communications strategy and materials.

2017 Meeting Schedule
The Committee agreed to meet monthly through the end of 2017. Meetings will occur the third Monday each month. Later in the calendar year, the Committee will evaluate implementation progress and determine how frequently they should meet in 2018.

Next Steps
The next Working Group meeting will take place on June 19 at 1 p.m. in Room B110 of the State Office Building. Representative Snow reminded members that they may reach out to Cuong Nguyen, Juvenile Justice Specialist with the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, with questions or to request additional information.

During the next meeting, the Committee will discuss establishing subcommittees and reporting requirements for HB 239 related materials. Prior to the next Committee meeting, members should prepare a list of existing working groups that are addressing issues related to HB 239 which representatives of their agency are a part of. Please send the completed list to Cuong Nguyen at cvnguyen@utah.gov by June 14, 2017.